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General Walter Bedell Smith

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Dear Beetle:

We have just received the good news that you have left Walter Reed and are all glad to hear this and to note your statement that you are going back to work.

I realize how heavy your schedule must be, but I should be delighted if you could find it possible to come and have lunch with us here at your convenience.

With warmest personal regards,

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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GEN. SMITH

WASHINGTON (AP)-GEN. WALTER BEDELL SMITH, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CHIEF OF STAFF IN EUROPE IN WORLD WAR II, WAS DISCHARGED FROM WALTER REED HOSPITAL TODAY AFTER NEARLY A YEAR AS A PATIENT.

THE 65-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER DIPLOMAT ENTERED THE HOSPITAL OCT. 13, 1959, FOR TREATMENT OF PNEUMONIA AND A LUNG ABSCESS. HE WAS CARRIED ON THE CRITICALLY ILL LIST FOR MONTHS, AND UNDERWENT MINOR SURGERY TWICE FOR RELIEF OF THE ABSCESS.

UPON HIS DISCHARGE TODAY ARMY PHYSICIANS DESCRIBED HIS CONDITION AS "VERY FINE." THE GENERAL HIMSELF SAID HE IS GOING BACK TO WORK. HE IS RETIRED FROM THE ARMY.

AFTER HIS WARTIME SERVICE, SMITH SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, AND AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA. LATER, HE BECAME AN EXECUTIVE WITH THE AMERICAN MACHINE & FOUNDRY CO.